

CHAMBER'S CHOICE OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE CONSIDERED

President Taft Will Take
Under Advisement the
Names Indorsed.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR TODAY

Proposal to Choose Two Men In
Convention Attracts Wide
Interest.

President Taft will consider the names
of the Chamber of Commerce may present
to him for the next Commissioners of
the District.

This became known at the White
House today.

The report of the President's attitude
in the matter, by far the most important
of any feature entering into the
advisability of the Chamber authorizing
a citizens' convention to select two
candidates for Commissioners, was made
the special order of the business program
for the specially called meeting of
the board of directors of the Chamber
of Commerce at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

It is understood that the President is
interested in the proposal of the Chamber,
of which he is an honorary member,
to submit to him the names of two
candidates, and that he will consider
thoroughly the merits of men indorsed
by the Chamber before he makes selections
to fill the vacancies caused by the
resignations of Commissioner Henry
B. F. Macfarland and Commissioner
Henry L. West.

Up To the Chamber.

While the President did not refer
especially to the proposed convention
plan, the fact that he is willing to consider
the Chamber's candidates, it is thought,
clearly leaves the matter to the
judgment of the Chamber as to how
that body shall proceed in its selecting.

So far the convention plan is the only
one that has been proposed.
The announcement from the White
House this morning has put a new aspect
upon the situation. It is considered
likely now that the Board of Trade
will be much more willing to co-operate
with the Chamber of Commerce, if it
is decided to hold a citizens' convention.
Gen. George E. Harris, President of
the Board of Trade, originally
announced himself as opposed to the
convention plan, declaring that he thought
the citizens of the District should not
present the names of candidates to the
President until requested by the Chief
Executive to do so.

Favor Convention.

As a number of directors of the Board
of Trade have expressed themselves as
favoring a convention, it is considered
probable no little influence will be
brought to bear in that organization to
secure its co-operation with the Chamber
of Commerce.

The meeting of the board of directors
of the Chamber of Commerce was called
for 2 o'clock this afternoon, but, on
account of several directors being unable
to attend at that hour, it was decided
to postpone it until 4 o'clock.
When asked today if he would be a
candidate, President William F. Guide,
of the Chamber of Commerce, declared
in no event would he make a canvass for
the nomination. He said he had called the
special meeting of the directors only
after a required number of them, as
expressed in the constitution of the
Chamber, had formally petitioned
him to do so.

Inquiries Pour In.

At the Chamber of Commerce today
Secretary Grant said inquiries continued
to pour in from citizens and citizens'
associations regarding the convention
proposition.

It is considered probable the citizens'
associations will be asked to co-operate
with the Chamber in whatever course
it decided to pursue.

A. Leftwich Sinclair, chairman of the
committee on legislation, of the
Chamber of Commerce, today called
a meeting of the committee for 8
o'clock Monday night, when a special
address will be delivered by Amos B.
Casselman, on recession of Virginia
territory.

CUBAN DECREE ANNULLED.

HAVANA, Nov. 27.—President Gomez
signed a decree annulling, on the ground
of illegality, the recent action of the
city council of Cienfuegos, which for-
bade entrance into that city of the Cien-
fuegos, Palmar and Cruces Railroad,
which is being built by E. J. Reilly.
This ends the long and determined opposi-
tion of the Cienfuegos authorities to the
railroad, which is now being rapidly
pushed to completion.

WEATHER REPORT.

It is slightly colder in the Atlantic
States and considerably colder over the
interior districts west of the Rocky
mountains.

It will be warmer in the Ohio valley,
the East, and South, and cooler in the
northern and western upper Lake re-
gion.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair, warmer tonight and Sunday;
moderate northeast to southeast winds.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	44
9 a. m.	44
10 a. m.	44
11 a. m.	44
Noon	47
1 p. m.	47
2 p. m.	47

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	6:55
Sun sets	4:30

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 7:31 a. m. and 8:04 p. m.; low tide, 1:56 a. m. and 2:32 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 8:41 a. m. and 8:54 p. m.; low tide, 2:48 a. m. and 2:52 p. m.

CONDITION OF RIVERS.

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Nov. 27.—Both
rivers clear.

HARRIS RECOUNTS STORY OF KILLING

Fatal Quarrel With Poole
Described to Prove Claim
Of Self-Defense.

TESTIMONY AGREES WITH CONFESSION

State Rests Case After Substan-
tiating the Statements Made
To Baltimore Police.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 27.—With-
out the least show of emotion, but ap-
parently laboring under great nervous
strain, Oliver H. Harris, on the witness
stand in the circuit court here this
morning, in his attempt to prove he
acted in self defense, described in de-
tail the killing of John Henson Poole
in his little cabin near Pennfield's lock
of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal on
the morning of July 21.

"Poole and I were together in Wat-
er's store in Travilah until about 9
o'clock the evening before.

"We left the store together and I went
directly home and found my sister and
a friend, Mrs. Pierson, in the dining
room. I talked with them until nearly
midnight, when they went to bed.

"I read for about half an hour and
the next morning got up at 5 o'clock
and went to Poole's place, arriving there
an hour later, to get some whisky. I
knew he sold it and the night before
he told me he had gotten in a fresh
supply.

Came For Booze.

"I came after some booze," I said
when Poole came to the door. He in-
vited me in and said:
"We'll have a couple of drinks. Sit
down. You are not in any hurry, are
you?"

"We had several drinks together,
three or four. When I got up to go I
said to Poole:

"If you let me have a little whisky
I'll be going back home."

"I'll have to put some water in it,"
Poole replied.

"I told Poole it was bad enough any-
way to sell such bum whisky without
putting water in it. He cursed me and
that started the quarrel.

"He picked up a small hammer from
the floor and with it raised in his right
hand he came toward me. I knocked
Henson down and as he got up he
reached for a small rifle which was in
a corner of the room.

"Some way I managed to get the rifle,
but he got the hammer again and tried
to attack me the third time. Then I
fired the rifle. I don't know where the
bullet hit him. He fell to the floor,
but came after me again.

Shot Him Twice.

"Then I picked up the hammer and
struck him on the head. After that I
deliberately shot him twice and, in the
excitement I did not know what I was
doing.

"I went to the other room, took an-
other drink, rathered up Henson's body
and picked it into the little closet. I
filled three bottles with whisky, two
pints and a quart, and started back
to Travilah. After going a short dis-
tance, I thought I had better go back
and look up the house.

"I remembered that Henson always
carried his keys in his trousers pocket,
which were hanging in the main closet
that I put the body in. I took the keys
and found that there was a roll of
money—\$32—so I took that too. But I
didn't need it, so I hid it in a box of
my own. I went back to Travilah
and bought a shirt and engaged a team
from Rockville, and took my sister and
her friend to county fair that after-
noon."

Two witnesses were called by the
prosecution when the court convened
this morning to corroborate the testi-
mony of other State witnesses. The
State called its case at 10 o'clock, after
which the attorney called Harris into the
judge's room and conferred with him
for nearly an hour before putting on
any witnesses for the defense. Scott
Collins was chief witness called by the
prosecution just before it closed its case.

Told of Confession.

Collins' testimony related to a vol-
untary confession which Harris made to
him when he was confined in the Rock-
ville jail. This confession was substan-
tially the same as Harris' own story
on the witness stand.

After two witnesses had been called
by the defense to establish Harris'
movements the night before he is sup-
posed to have killed Poole, Mrs. Jea-
n Harris, mother of the defendant, was
called to the stand, and told about her
son disappearing from home early
on the morning of July 21. Mrs. Har-
ris' voice was choked with sobs, and it
was with difficulty that she controlled
herself so that she could answer the
questions put by the attorney.

Following her usual custom, she got
up about 4 o'clock that morning and
found her son asleep on a couch in the
dining-room. She went back to bed,
and when she got up two hours later,
Young Harris had left the house.

The defense closed its case at 12:30
o'clock, after two witnesses were called
in rebuttal by the State. The court
then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The case probably will go to the jury
late today.

Harris' Confession.

Objection was made by counsel for
the defense late yesterday to the admis-
sion of the signed confession made by
Harris shortly after being taken to the
jail at Baltimore. This confession was
made in the presence of Captain of De-
tectives Pumphrey, of Baltimore, who
was placed on the stand late yester-
day afternoon.

The prosecution, however, showed that
the confession was made voluntarily
and that no promises had been held out
by the police to induce the prisoner to
sign the document. The court then
ruled that it was admissible as evi-
dence.

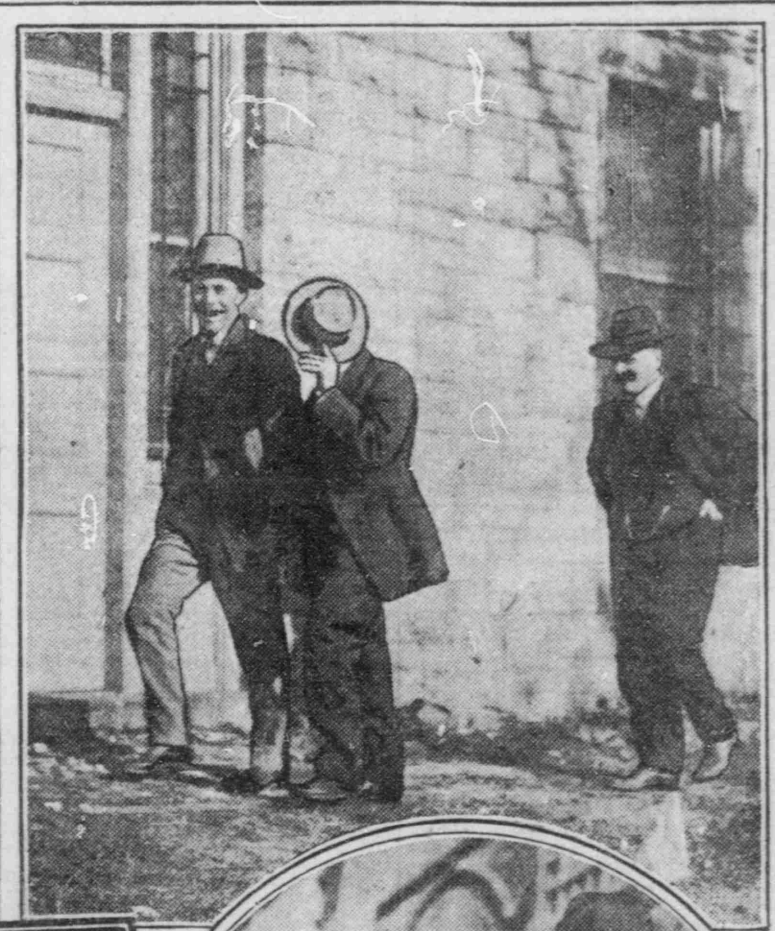
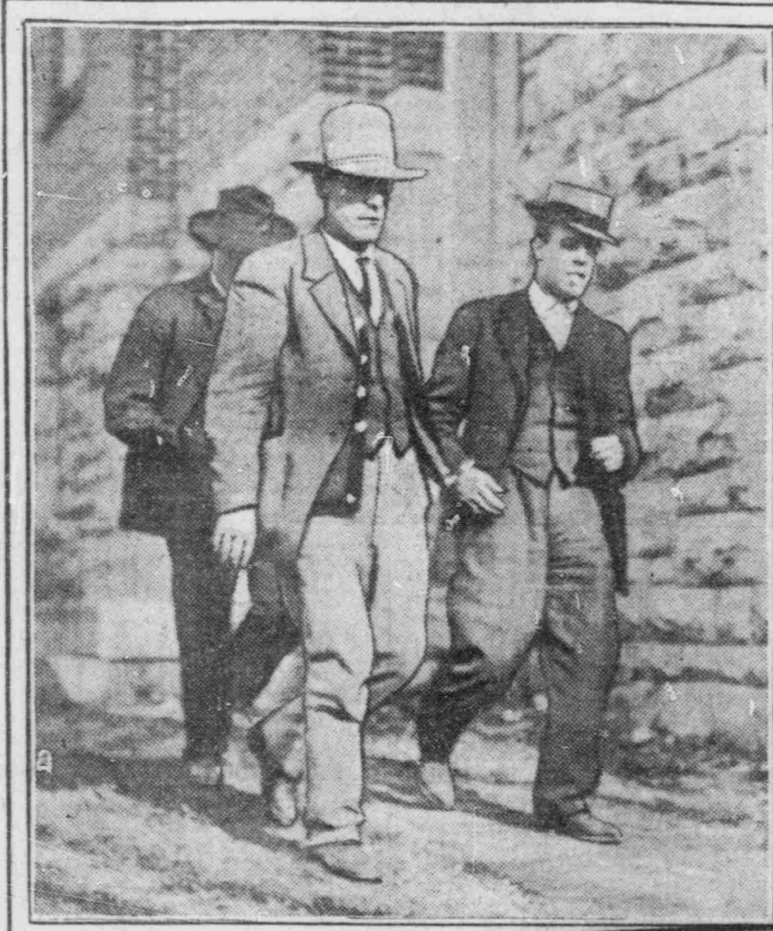
In the confession Harris says that he
went to the little house which Poole
occupied on the banks of the Chesape-
ake and Ohio canal on July 21 last,
about 5 o'clock in the morning. He
told Poole he had come after "a drink
of booze." Poole invited him in and
they had several drinks together.

Harris says that he then told Poole
he was going to Rockville and asked
him for a half gallon of liquor. Poole

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Scenes At Rockville During Harris' Trial

TWO VIEWS OF HARRIS ON WAY TO COURT ROOM.



MEMBERS OF THE JURY WHICH WILL DECIDE UPON HARRIS' FATE.

MURDERER LITTLE SENTENCED TO DIE

Judge Imposes Death Pen-
alty Immediately After
Receiving Verdict.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Nov. 27.—
Howard Little, murderer of six, was
today found guilty by the jury in Judge
Burns' court at Grundy, and was im-
mediately sentenced to die in the elec-
tric chair in Richmond, Va., January 7.

This ends one of the most extraordi-
nary trials in the history of Virginia.
Little made no defense. He was
taken to Richmond tonight.
The killing of the six people was the
most atrocious crime in Virginia his-
tory. The man, to get money to leave
his wife and elope with a married wo-
man, entered the Meadows home at
night.

He killed Meadows by striking him on
the head with his Winchester while the
man was sleeping. He then killed the
defenseless woman and her three chil-
dren.

"Aunt Betty" was finally shot through
the heart. The sextuple murderer then
set fire to the house and cremated the
bodies.

INDIANA AUDITOR CLOSES OLD BANK

State Official Conducts Investiga-
tion of Institution At
Spencer.

SPENCER, Ind., Nov. 27.—The private
bank of Beem, Peden & Co., of this
city, one of the oldest banks in this
part of the State, was closed today by
State Auditor Blümler.

CZAR PROHIBITING ALL AEROPLANES

Issues An Edict Barring
Machines From Capital
Of Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 27.—An im-
perial edict published today forbids the
flying of any aircraft of any description
on aviation. The new science has never
found favor in Russia, and various re-
pressive measures regarding it have
been passed. Several recent incidents
prompted the official edict today.

M. Guyot, a well-known aviator, was
debarred by the government from mak-
ing experimental flights in his Blériot
machine near St. Petersburg. He an-
nounced that he would fly to Moscow,
but before he could transport his aéro-
plane to that city the governor of Mos-
cow had issued an order regulating
aeroplane flying in his district and M. Guyot
was again warned that arrest and the
confiscation of his aeroplane would fol-
low any attempt at flight.

A St. Petersburg publisher began a
movement for a National Airship Ex-
ploitation Society, and had collected by
subscription a large sum of money. The
Government compelled him to return the
fund to the subscribers and warned him
that anyone trying to raise money for
such a purpose would be suspected of
revolutionary tendencies.

In scientific circles the determination
of the government to stamp out all
aerial activity in Russia is being round-
ly condemned, but no method of evad-
ing the prohibition can be found.

STATE'S WITNESS CHARLES PENNEFIELD AND CORONER JOHN A. HALL.

POISONING CRIMES CHARGED TO OFFICER

Lieutenant Hofrichter Ac-
cused of Mailing Drugs
To Promoted Men.

VIENNA, Nov. 27.—Lieutenant Ho-
frichter, of the Austrian army, was ar-
rested today, charged with having com-
mitted the recent "poison by post"
crimes which involved practically every
superior officer in Vienna.

It is charged that Hofrichter mailed
poison disguised in various ways, to
men who had recently been advanced in
rank, because of envy of their promo-
tion.

PRESIDENT TALKS OF NAVY'S NEEDS

Representative Dawson Suggests
Legislation—Discuss Reor-
ganization Plans.

Naval reorganization was the sub-
ject which Representative Dawson of
Nebraska, a member of the House
Naval Committee, discussed with the
President at the White House today.
"I understand that Secretary
Meyer's report will make recom-
mendation for considerable new legisla-
tion in naval matters," Dawson said,
"and I imagine that a majority of the
naval committee will have ideas in
line with his. Personally, I think navy
yards ought to be run on a business-
like paying business."

FAVORS BUILDINGS FOR THE DISTRICT

Representative Bartholdt
Thinks Congress Should
Make Appropriation.

Representative Richard Bartholdt of
Missouri, chairman of the House Com-
mittee on Public Buildings and Grounds,
said after calling upon President Taft
at the White House today, that he be-
lieved Congress, during the forthcoming
session, should make appropriations for
at least two new public buildings in the
city of Washington.

"We ought to have a hall of records,"
he said. "The site for this building has
been purchased and we should complete
the project. The fact is there are
millions and millions of dollars' worth
of valuable documents exposed to the dan-
ger of fire in the various departments
every day. There ought to be some
building in the city where these docu-
ments can be placed and their safety
insured."

"Further than that," he said, "we
have purchased a site for a postoffice
near the Union Station and we ought
to erect a building as the demands of
the city postoffice make it imperative.
Although there is a deficit of \$10,000,000
starting us in the face at the Treasury
Department, the work of public im-
provement must go on, and public
buildings should be erected wherever
they are needed and rivers and harbors
should be improved wherever commerce
demands."

"I think it is all a mistake and a
waste of money to appropriate millions
for fighting apparatus such as the
battleships of the Dreadnought class.
We will never need them. The money
should be spent in internal improve-
ments."

WILD WEST GAME COSTS LAD'S LIFE

Old Gun Found by Boys Explodes
With Deadly Result In
Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 27.—Playing
the game of wild west in the cellar of
his home cost the life of Samuel Hum-
bard, ten years old, who died at the St.
Agnes Hospital this morning.

Humbard and Walter Seidel, together
with a half-dozen other lads about their
age, were in the cellar late yesterday.
They had been looking for a bicycle
wrench when suddenly they came across
an old gun.

"Let's play wild west!" the shout went
up, and in the next instant Seidel, hold-
ing the gun, commanded: "Hands up!"
The command was obeyed, and the bullet
entered Humbard's temple. Physicians at the hospital tried
hard to save the little fellow's life, but
were unsuccessful.

If you chew, bear in mind that Piper
Heidsieck tobacco is pure, mild, clean
and the highest standard of quality.
—Advt.

VICE CONSUL HELD ZELAYA'S PRISONER IS LATEST REPORT

Caldera, Missing From Ma-
nagua, Believed to Be
In Prison.

OFFICIAL LETTERS ARE TAMPERED WITH

Desire to Conceal Cruelties Prac-
ticed on Americans Said to
Be Reason.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 27.—Dis-
patches received here say that
Vice Consul Caldera, at Managua,
has been imprisoned by Zelaya
forces.

No confirmation of the report has
been made. The dispatches say he
is missing, and that it is believed
that he is one of the many prisoners
held by Zelaya.

Friends here have made attempts
to communicate with Caldera, but
have been unsuccessful.

REASON GIVEN.

The reason for the alleged im-
prisonment of Caldera, according
to today's dispatches, is the desire
of Zelaya to hide from the United
States Government the cruelties
that attended the execution of Can-
non and Groce.

It is known that the State De-
partment has been unable to get
any reply to the inquiries they
have made concerning the execu-
tion. It is said that the Zelaya
government has opened letters and
dispatches to the vice consul, and
that these inquiries caused the im-
prisonment.

Cruelty Shown.

Statements from passengers and crew
of the steamship Paris Mina from
Costa Rica declare that Cannon and
Groce were captured on neutral ground
and, before their execution, were yoked
together like oxen for hours.

A 100-pound weight was tied to the
yoke, according to these reports, and
the men were scourged with a cat-o'-
nine-tails. Efforts here are being made
to begin a search for Caldera.

The officers of the Estrada movement
are aiding the search, and report that
they can find no trace of him.

Estrada Forces Busy.

The reports received today declare
only imprisonment will keep the Es-
trada forces from finding Vice Consul
Caldera. Refugees say no trace of Cal-
dera can be found.

Dr. Salvador Castillo, who represents
the provisional government at Washing-
ton, has been asked to assist in finding
Caldera. In a message received today
from Nicaragua, Castillo is said by
friends here to have received news
which makes him believe Caldera has
been made prisoner and possibly has
been shot at Zelaya's order.

Conditions Unchanged.

Reports from the interior coming by
way of Bluefields today are meager.
Conditions about Managua are unchang-
ed. It is said, but it seems likely that
the surrender of Zelaya may come be-
fore night.

The insurgent forces are well armed
and have provisions and have cut off
the food supply of the Nicaragua cap-
ital. Their force greatly outnumber the
Zelayan forces in the capital.

Ey order of Estrada, it is reported to-
day General Sanze will begin a thorough
search for the missing vice consul as
soon as his troops enter the city.

READY TO SEND GUNS TO THE INSURGENTS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 27.—Consul
General Richard Sussman, of the Es-
trada government, cabled Senor
Moreira, assistant secretary of state,
at Bluefields, to return the steamship
Ustein here at once to receive an-
other cargo of arms and ammunition
for the revolutionary forces in Nic-
ragua. This war material, embracing
five thousand rifles, half a million
rounds of ammunition, and six Hotchkiss
guns, is assembled here in the
warehouses of the Southern Com-
mercial Company.

The Ustein landed safely at Blue-
fields 2,500 rifles, 250,000 rounds of
ammunition, and two Hotchkiss guns
last week. This material was deliv-
ered to the insurgents.

ZELAYA EXPECTED TO BE OWN UNDOING

Indications of renewed activity at the
State Department today over the Nic-
raguan situation, tend to confirm re-
ports that the interrupted cable service
between the department and the vice
consulate at Managua has been restored
and that additional details are at hand
concerning the executions of the two
Americans, Cannon and Groce.

Behind the apparent waiting game of
this Government, it is now understood,